

# ANN LANDERS

## Hard Work

Ann Landers: Four years married a man my parents never would have let me marry. My dad always said Brian lacked brains.

Last night Brian came home and announced he had quit his job at the market. (Conflict with the boss). His job lasted six months—the longest he has stayed with anything since he was married. We have two small children and I can't go to work to help pay the bills the way I used to.

Brian says the reason he has employment troubles is that he has never had a job equal to his brains and ability. I can't understand, Ann, with all the prosperity around, how it happens that a capable man never seems to get the opportunity. Can you explain this?

—BRIAN'S WIFE

*Dear Wife: There's plenty of opportunity around. The reason some people don't recognize it is because it is disguised as hard work.*

*Brian's inability to stick with a job is a sign of immaturity. He needs to plant some seeds of honest labor, water them generously with perspiration, and stick around long enough to see what comes up.*

Dear Ann Landers: My girl and I are both in high school. We are very much in love. Last week Sarah learned she is pregnant. Yesterday we told our parents we want to get married.

My folks say it's all right with them. Sarah's parents say no. They want her to go to her aunt's in Wisconsin and have the baby, then put it up for adoption. (We live in a small town, Ann, and she couldn't face people unless she was married).

Sarah is a quiet person. She respects her parents a lot and now feels she must do as they say. What is your opinion?—PARENT TROUBLE

*Dear Trouble: How old are you? How old is Sarah? Would you quit high school? Can you support a wife and child?*

*My advice is to sit down with your clergyman. He knows you and your girl and both sets of parents. His judgment would be better than mine. (And better than yours, too.)*

Dear Ann Landers: I have a 34-year-old problem. She is my mother. I am 11. My mother copies my piano teacher. A few days ago my piano teacher's little girl didn't want to eat oatmeal so she threw it down the laundry chute. Her mother turned right around and made another bowl of oatmeal. What she didn't eat for breakfast he had to eat for lunch.

Now when I don't want to eat something, my mother says, "All right, you'll see it at the next meal." And sure enough, there it is.

What do you think about a mother who copies the piano teacher?

—COPYCAT'S SON

*Dear Son: I think your piano teacher has a wonderful idea and I hope lots of other mothers copy her. (P.S. I love oatmeal, and I eat it even when I don't have to!)*

Too many couples go from matrimony to matrimony. Don't let your marriage flop before it gets started. Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Marriage—What to Expect." Send your request to Ann Landers enclosing 50 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press Herald enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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## Pedestrian Hit by Car; Rain Blamed

A 62-year-old Torrance woman was rushed to Gardena Memorial Hospital Friday after she was struck down by a car while crossing Van Ness Avenue at 161st Street.

Listed in good condition Monday was Vera W. Lee, 16116 Van Ness Ave.

Driver of the car, 18-year-old Carl I. Yanagihara of Gardena, was not held, police said. Rain-slick streets and poor visibility were blamed for the incident.

## South Teens Cited

Three teenagers who attend South High School have been honored by the Outstanding Americans Foundation as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1969.

They are David H. Brenner, son of Mrs. Grace Brenner of 5106 Paseo de Pablo; Faith E. Hatlestad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace V. Hatlestad; and Paula L. Keener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keener of 24233 Ward St.

The three nominated by South High School officials, will now compete for state and national awards in the Outstanding Americans Foundation program.

The foundation, a non-profit group dedicated to honoring, inspiring, and encouraging young people to take full advantage of the opportunities in America, sponsors the awards program each year.

Recipients of the honors are selected for their ability and achievement in and out of school. One winner is selected at the state level and two students will be selected for national honors, which include college scholarships.

## 40 Tartars Join JA Companies

Forty Torrance High School students have formed Junior Achievement companies this semester, according to Dr. Carl Ahee, principal.

"Purpose of Junior Achievement is to afford students an opportunity to enter free enterprise on a small scale and thus acquaint them with the structure and dialogue of a business as well as with its actual processes," Dr. Ahee stated.

Students who have formed businesses this year include: Charles Bales, Carl Baskin, Diane Bowers, Robert Boyce, Steve Bullock, Vic Casserly, Debby Combs, Linda Crain, Teresa Charles, Thomas Dudley, Jane Foster, Mark Geindstaff, Mike Hall, Joseph Hickman, Phil Huber, Randy Hunter.

Others are Thomas Hussey, Chaundel Johnson, Guy Kramer, Karen Kuxhaus, Steve Laverty, Mary Matheson, Astara Mayeda, Dennis McDonald, Terry McKenzie, Greg Miro, John Oglesby, William Oglesby, Becky Patrick, Stephen Reed, Craig Reynolds, John Roberts, Kent Russell, Steve Seagren, Roberta Sherman, David Surber, Greg Wall, and Mary Wiseman.

## Louis Pesce Will Lead Fish Club

Louis Pesce of Torrance has been elected president of the Harbor Aquarium Society. Other new officers include Ray Roberts of Gardena, vice-president; Carolyn Cox of Palos Verdes, secretary; and Evelyn Church of Gardena, treasurer.

Activities planned for the year include field trips, speakers, slides and movies on show fish, and participation in various aquarium shows.



**STUDY STAMP DESIGN . . .** A unique stamp display showing the process of making stamps in Malta will be on display at the Torrance Library Technical Processing Center, 1265 Sartori Ave., during the next few weeks. Joseph Galea, Los Angeles vice consul from Malta, explains the process of designing and printing stamps to Mrs. Lois Borman, a librarian at the Post Avenue branch. This particular stamp, depicting St. Paul's Shipwreck, is shown here in the initial rendering, along with color proofs, and, in the final stage, as a finished stamp. The stamp display and a film, "Heritage in Stone," will be featured Thursday, Feb. 13, when a program on Malta is presented by Galea at the Torrance Recreation Center. The program will begin at 8 p.m. (Press-Herald Photo)



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## Count Marco Want Attention? Then Just Faint

Whatever became of those small bottles labeled "smelling salts?" an important phase of femininity, those little bottles carried more power and sway over men than the guns women resort to today to get their way.

When a single woman wanted to attract attention, she would softly sigh, put her hand to her head, and sway like a flower in a breeze. Whereupon someone would shriek, "Quick, the smelling salts!"; and out of every reticule would come the bottles.

As some poor man waded the bottle back and forth under her nose, he would notice her pallor (no make-up, you know), and become fascinated by her fragility.

Of course, along with the fainting would come the necessity of loosening clothing. This produced a quick sort of familiarity, which, in many cases, started the man on the chase that comes naturally. Once he became that curious, it was but a matter of time before he was unhooking the girl all the way—legally, that is.

Wives, too, used that old stand-by, smelling salts. Whenever a lady needed more time to think during an argument, she

would faint "dead away." By the time the smelling salts pulled her out of it, he was so concerned that his darling was upset, he'd postpone the topic until later.

A few faints, and he took the hint to leave well enough alone. In that little bottle were more feminine wiles than in all the perfumes and gowns in the world. Whenever it was necessary to reach for that bottle, the man knew that he was needed. She was just a helpless little thing, with only him and a bottle between life and death.

Sadly, smelling salts were replaced by headshrinkers. This convinced him not only that you don't need him, but that he was right in thinking you were a bit off all the time.

If you want to be loved and protected, use the smelling salts theory. Be more feminine in everything you do. Use a softer voice, show tenderness.

If you acquire a burn while cooking dinner, ask him to put the saline on it. He might even kiss it, as he did years ago. Try to feel feminine and you will be treated with living tenderness and care.

What more could you ask?

## Medicare Deadline March 31

The Social Security Administration has designated the period of Jan. 1 through March 31 as a general enrollment period for those people age 65 or over before Oct. 2, 1966, to enroll in the medical insurance part of Medicare, according to Miles Davis, Torrance district manager of the Social Security Administration.

Davis emphasized that this is the last chance to enroll for people born before Oct. 2, 1961.

ANYONE WHO was born before Jan. 2, 1963, may enroll during the general enrollment period ending March 31, even though they have never worked at a job covered by social security.

The next enrollment period after March 31, 1969, will be during the first three months of 1970.

## Profile: Jerry McIlvaine

### Teaching Is a Labor of Love for This Bachelor

Within a week after his discharge from the Navy in 1957, Jerry McIlvaine joined the South High School athletic department and has become one of the pillars of the school.

Jerry is primarily a baseball coach, but he takes an active interest in almost any sport which involves the South High banner.

The McIlvaines lived in Torrance when Jerry was born in 1930, so he is a lifetime citizen. He was educated at Fern School, Torrance High, El Camino College, and what is now University of California at Santa Barbara.

Jerry had a three-year hitch with the National Security in Washington and San Diego Naval Training Center before taking up his career.

Mac had his sights set on teaching at his high school alma mater at Torrance, but South High was new and essentially an interesting challenge. He welcomed the assignment.

And he's happy at South High. In 10 years his baseball teams have won three Bay League championships and nine graduates have signed professional baseball contracts. They include Mike Andrews of the Boston Red Sox (a World Series hero), Ken Turner and Eric Spelman of the California Angels, Ray Allen of the Atlanta Braves, Dick White and Wade Linstad of the San Francisco Giants, Jeff Wang of the Philadelphia Phillies, Dick Foulk of the Detroit Tigers, and Joe Austin of the Dodgers, now an instructor at West High.

McIlvaine takes personal satisfaction in the personal accomplishments of the kids, but he

## 'Wait Until Dark' Long Beach Hit

By TIM O'DONNELL  
Press-Herald Staff Writer

A terror-filled finale topped off a pleasing performance by Long Beach Community Players in their production of Frederick Knott's "Wait Until Dark," directed by James Brittain.

The second half of the play was a tense confrontation between a blind New York housewife and three thugs trying to recover a heroine-filled doll. Director Brittain kept the entire audience on the edge of their seats with his dim lighting, muffled screams, and superb blocking. The first half of the play, however, left something to be desired.

A woman in the front row slept through the entire first

scene, which summed up the excitement of the beginning segment of the production. No doubt many in the audience wished they could have joined her.

THOUGH this act was tediously dull, the blame cannot be placed entirely on the players. The plot is an involved one, and explaining the preliminaries is necessarily tiring.

But both director Brittain and the actors rose admirably to the occasion in the second act. Top accolades go to Gina Haldane, a blind wife of a photographer who is in the center of all the plotting; and Thomas Petrusis—who portrayed a tough, ex-con impersonating a police officer with thug-like believability.

ELIOT ALLAN was sufficiently despicable as Roat, the smooth, conniving no-goodnik. Dennis Robins was superb through the body of the play as the other con-man, but his transition from hardened criminal to nice-guy was not as natural as perhaps it could have been.

Hats off to Jim Erdman, the lighting technician, who manipulated all the optical niceties that went into this fine drama. "Wait Until Dark" runs through Feb. 8 at Long Beach Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, Fridays and Saturdays. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m.

## Teachers Will Hear Professor

Dr. Alfred Schmidt, professor of special education at California State College at Long Beach, will address teachers of educable mentally retarded students in the Torrance Unified School District Thursday, Feb. 6, at 3:45 p.m., at Magruder Elementary School, 4100 W. 185th St.

He will discuss teaching social studies to basic skills students.

Dr. Schmidt has served as special consultant to the State of California Department of Education since 1967, and as special consultant to L.A. County Schools since 1968. He has also served as film consultant to the University of California at Los Angeles and as curriculum consultant to the Anaheim School District.

IN ADDITION to teaching at Cal State Long Beach, he has taught summer courses in mental retardation at Pepperdine College, Portland State College, the University of Oregon, Hosanna University and UCLA extension. He has also taught handicapped children in Streator, Ill., Santa Paula, and Belflower.

A graduate of New York University, Dr. Schmidt is author of two textbooks, "Craft Projects for the Slow Learner," and "An Introduction to Exceptional Children," and co-producer of a 16mm sound film, "Arts and Crafts for the Slow Learner." He also authored an article in The Instructor Magazine, "Chaos Controlled."

## Dentists To Visit Schools

Dentists will inspect the teeth of first- and sixth-grade students next month as part of the Torrance Unified School District's dental health program.

Members of the Torrance Dental Health Association will donate their time to the project.

Dental inspections are scheduled as follows:

Feb. 3 — Hillside, Madrona, and Calle Mayor Schools; Feb. 4 — Seaside, Newton, and Magruder Schools; Feb. 5 — Hickory, Levy, Columbia, Crenshaw, and Riviera Schools; Feb. 6 — Fern, Casimir, and Arnold Schools; and Feb. 7 — Carr, Meadow Park, Anza, and Wright Schools.

Other inspections are: Feb. 10 — Yukon School; Feb. 11 — Adams, Wood, Hamilton, and Sepulveda Schools; Feb. 13 — Arlington and Madison Schools; Feb. 14 — Walleria, Jefferson, and Steele Schools; Feb. 18 — Perry School; Feb. 19 — Victor, Edison, Torrance Elementary, and Parkway Schools; Feb. 28 — Towers and Flavian Schools; and Feb. 27 — Lincoln School.



JERRY McILVAINE

says winning a championship is most satisfying.

"When you win a championship the team is happy, the student body is happy, and the community is happy," said the young coach.

Eventually, McIlvaine would like to move into a junior college job. He says teaching is so much nicer in junior college because you don't have to force education on anybody.

"It's like coaching a baseball team, for example," he said. "Boys go out for sports on a voluntary basis and they do what you tell them. They participate because they want to."

Teaching physical education, especially, can be frustrating when the students are uncooperative," he says. But generally speaking, McIlvaine stresses he enjoys teaching or he would not be in the business.



**WINS PRAISE . . .** The Torrance City Council passed a resolution congratulating Pacific Telephone in its "outstanding success in staging the community jamboree in the City of Torrance in October, 1968." Mayor Albert Isen (left) presents a plaque of that resolution to Pacific Telephone's district manager Jim Conn as Bill Uerkwitz, city councilman and employee of PT&T looks on.